(b) the target laid down for the augmentation of irrigation potential in the State during 1990-91; and

(c) the extent to which the target has been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) As per Land Use Statistics (1987-88 provisional), an area of 42,86,000 hectares is unirrigated.

(b) and (c): Against the target for creation of irrigation potential of 3,90,000 hectares in the State during 1990-91, the anticipated achievement is reported to be 4,88,000 hectares.

[*English*]

Profit Earned by Madras Refineries Ltd.

2359. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madras Refineries Ltd. have been making huge profits and paying dividends to its employees as well as to the Government;

(b) if so, the actual profits earned during the last three years, year wise; and

(c) the dividends paid to the Union Government and its employees, separately during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Dividends are paid only to the two shareholders viz. Government of India and National Iranian Oil Company.

(b) The actual profit after tax earned during the last three years is as under:-

	(Rs. in crores)
1988-89	51.28
1989-90	50.23
1990-91	50.55

(c) The dividend paid to the Government of India during the last three years is as under:

	(Rs. in crores)
1988-89	20.28
1989-90	20.28
1990-91	20.28

Drilling Operation at Cochin High

2360. PROF. K.V.THOMAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the drilling operation in the Arabian Sea of the West of Cochin;

(b) the companies that are doing the drilling operation at Cochin High; and

(c) the terms and conditions of these drilling companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) So far, three wells have been drilled in the area by ONGC.

(b) No company is doing drilling operations at Cochin High.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Survey for Opening Retail Outlets in U.P.

2361. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey of Almora and Pithoragarh districts of U.P. with a view to opening more retails outlets keeping in view the present consumption of petroleum products in these areas;

(b) whether any proposal to allot LPG agencies to educated unemployed youth is also under consideration of the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no separate reservation for unemployed youths.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of Fertilizers to Madhya Pradesh

2362. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the varieties of fertilizers sought by Madhya Pradesh for Kharif and Rabi seasons during 1991-92;

(b) the quantity of fertilizers supplied to Madhya Pradesh so far; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the farmers in Madhya Pradesh are supplied adequatity of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the demand, allocation and availability of fertilisers in NPK terms in Madhya Pradesh during Kharif, 1991 and so far in Rabi, 1991-92 is attached.

(c) The supply and availability of fertilisers is being monitored closely by Government of India, to take corrective steps wherever necessary, and no problem is anticipated in meeting the requirement of Madhya Pradesh.

Statement Showing Demand, Allocation and Availability of Various Fertilisers in Madhya Pradesh During Kharif 91 and Rabi 91-92.

(1000 tonnes)

Season	*Demand*	*ECA allocation*	*Availability during the season*
Kharif 91			
N	284.87	303.14	345.95
P	181.10	178.30	208.79
K	35.00	32.15	38.57
Total	500.97	513.59	593.31